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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse

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List of decisions

37th meeting

Venue: Strasbourg / hybrid

31 January – 2 February 2023

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 2 February 2023

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 37th meeting on 31 January – 2 February 2023 in Strasbourg and on the KUDO platform.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Agreed that the questionnaires for the next monitoring phase on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust should be as focused as possible, include questions on the impact of the previous monitoring findings and involve youth organisations.

3. Entrusted its Bureau to review a first preliminary draft questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the of the [questionnaire for the 1st thematic monitoring round](#) and [monitoring findings on the legal issues related with the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust](#) to enable the Committee’s examination and adoption of the questionnaire during its 38th meeting (30 May – 2 June 2023).

4. Entrusted its Bureau to seek clarification and consider the proposal by Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) to carry out an urgent monitoring of the protection of Ukrainian children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in Parties to the Lanzarote Convention as a consequence of the war.

As to capacity building work

5. Following the presentation of preliminary analyses of the replies to the questionnaires on the [legal age for sexual activities](#) and on [the statute of limitation](#), agreed to provide any complementary up-dated information to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) to finalise the analyses that will be presented during the capacity-building events to be held on 31 May 2023 in Strasbourg.

6. Agreed to continue to exchange information on progress with the [EU Proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse](#) and to be informed of the outcome results of other multisectoral workshops focusing on specific aspects of it.

7. Agreed that its work should be shared with the newly established WeProtect Global Alliance [Global Taskforce on Child Sexual Abuse Online](#), welcoming the Council of Europe’s possible official involvement in its work.

8. Agreed to organise an exchange of views with GRETA on technology facilitated trafficking in children and online child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse to identify synergies and clarify differences in tools and approaches.

As to procedural matters

9. Asked the Secretariat to prepare one more pilot Country Overview concerning Portugal and invited Parties interested in being pilot countries to inform the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int).
10. Agreed to continue to explore how to implement concrete suggestions to further involve civil society in its monitoring and capacity building work.
11. Agreed that the Committee's workplan should also include milestone dates of events of its observers involving Committee members or its representatives.
12. Appointed as representatives of the Lanzarote Committee Ms BOROVIČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) to the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE) and Ms MATSYEK (Poland) to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and appointed Mr MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) as substitute representative to the CDCJ.
13. Granted the observer status to [the Brave Movement](#) and to the [End Violence Against Children Fund](#) (EVAC).
14. Adopted its activity report covering the period 1 July 2021 – 2 February 2023.
15. Adopted this list of decisions.

Dates of the next meetings

- **38th meeting**, 30 May – 2 June 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)
- **39th meeting**, 26 – 28 September 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)
- **40th meeting**, 28 – 30 November 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)